

Hamilton, Illinois. He did not see fish eaten but presumed also that the birds were feeding them to young. In contrast to my observations, he observed the grackles "beating the minnows to death," before carrying them away.

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## ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

We saddened to note the passing of Albert F. Ganier in Nashville, Tennessee, on 20 December 1973. Mr. Ganier was the Society's oldest living president, having served from 1924 to 1926, and he joined the Society in 1915. We also note the passing in recent months of Amelia Laskey and the Rev. Joseph James Murray, both of whom were contributors to the Bulletin and the Society.

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Limited funds are available through the National Academy of Sciences for travel to the International Ornithological Congress in Canberra, Australia in August, 1974. Selection will be made by a panel of the U.S. National Committee of the International Union of Biological Sciences. Direct inquiries about application for the funds to Mr. Harvey Sheppard, Division of Biological Sciences, National Research Council, Washington, D. C. 20418. Application should be submitted by May 1, 1974.

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I.C.B.P. is currently revising the Red Data Book, Vol. II, Aves, on agreement with I.U.C.N. Published or unpublished reports on the status of endangered or vulnerable bird species are urgently requested at the above address.